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Dear FCC,

My name is Phillip LeDoux. I work for Eatel Corp. as a Project Engineer. One of responsibility is number administration. We operate in the Louisiana market, which is a number pooled state.

I am requesting for a temporary exemption from Number Pooling. We are in the process of obtaining Nortel and Lucent switch software, which will allow thousand number pooling in our switches.

The cost to obtain this capability had to be approved through our capital budget process. This process is nearing its end.

I am requesting for a three-month exemption from Number Pooling for 225, 318, 337, 504, and 985 area code. I am confident that numbers for these NPA codes are not in jeopardy.

Please contact me with your decision.

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